

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

SAUL BAUTISTA,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.
3:24-cr-00012-TES-CHW-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL
IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE

Before the Court is Defendant Saul Bautista's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 19].

On April 9, 2024, the Government obtained an indictment charging Defendant with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl,¹ Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl,² and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.³ [Doc. 1]. Defendant entered a plea of not guilty on August 14, 2024. [Doc. 11].

Defendant seeks a continuance to allow his counsel to receive and review discovery, as well as continue plea negotiations with the Government. [Doc. 19, pp. 1–2]. So as to avoid a miscarriage of justice, the Court **GRANTS** Defendant's Motion for Continuance [Doc. 19], and **CONTINUES** this case to October 28, 2024. *See* 18 U.S.C. §

¹ In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 *in connection with* § 541(a)(1) & (b)(1)(C).

² In violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 *in connection with* § 541(a)(1) & (b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

³ In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2; 924(c)(1)(A).

3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial and are in accordance with the considerations required under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) for excusable delay.

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of August, 2024.

S/ Tilman E. Self, III

TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT